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In re application of

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For: NON-CONTACT TYPE LIQUID LEVEL SENSOR

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are all the claims pending in the application and have been rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Weisse (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. . 2004/0016296). In order to remove this reference as prior art under § 102(e), Applicant submits herewith Verified English Translation of the Priority Document which fully supports the claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the § 103 rejection be withdrawn and that the application be allowed to pass to issue at the earliest convenience. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone